

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CREIGHTON TAKATA, Individually and on :
behalf of all others similarly situated, :

Plaintiff,

v.

RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. F/K/A,
BIOPTIX, INC., JOHN O'ROURKE,
JEFFREY G. MCGONEGAL,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 18-2293(FLW)(ZNQ)

:
: **DECLARATION OF**
: **JOSEPH J. DEPALMA**
: **IN SUPPORT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF'S**
: **MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN**
: **OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'**
: **MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUR-**
: **REPLIES IN SUPPORT OF THEIR**
: **MOTIONS TO DISMISS LEAD**
: **PLAINTIFF'S CORRECTED**
: **CONSOLIDATED CLASS ACTION**
: **COMPLAINT**

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DECLARATION OF JOSEPH J. DEPALMA

I, Joseph J. DePalma, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey and am admitted to practice before this Court in the above-captioned case. I am a member of Lite DePalma Greenberg, LLC, Local Counsel for Lead Plaintiff Dr. Stanley Golovac.

2. I respectfully submit to the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, this declaration and the attached materials that are referenced in Lead Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Motions for Leave to File Sur-Replies in Support of Their Motions to Dismiss Lead Plaintiff's Corrected Consolidated Class Action Complaint.

3. Submitted herewith are true and correct copies of the following:

Exhibit	Description
A	Letter from U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to the Hon. Edgardo Ramos, United States District Court Judge, regarding <i>SEC v. Honig, et al.</i> , No. 18 Civ. 8175 (ER) (S.D.N.Y.) (ECF No. 208), dated and filed January 21, 2020.
B	Email from Dylan Weeks to John Stetson, Mike Brauser, Barry Honig, Mark Groussman, et al., regarding "Subject: MSLP – Share Purchase," dated July 2-3, 2014.
C	Opinion letter from Nason Yeager Gerson White & Lioce, P.A., to Corporate Stock Transfer Re: MusclePharm Corporation / Stock Transfer, dated July 2, 2014.
D	Opinion letter from Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company Re: Senesco Technologies, Inc., dated October 2, 2013.
E	Email from John Stetson to Tanya regarding Subject: Subscriber List, with Subscriber List attached, dated January 20, 2011.
F	Email from John Stetson to Barry Honig regarding Subject: Izea, with Izea Share Breakdown attached, dated January 27, 2012.

Exhibit	Description
G	Letter from Brian Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer, Fuse Science, Inc. to Securities Transfer Corporation requesting issuance of Shares to Holders, dated November 7, 2013.
H	Excerpts from Transcript of Hearing before the Hon. Edgardo Ramos, United States District Judge, held on November 7, 2019 in regard to <i>SEC v. Honig, et al.</i> , No. 18 Civ. 8175 (ER) (S.D.N.Y.) (ECF No. 198), filed November 25, 2019.
I	Stipulation and Order of the Hon. Edgardo Ramos, United States District Judge, in regard to <i>SEC v. Honig, et al.</i> , No. 18 Civ. 8175 (ER) (S.D.N.Y.) (ECF No. 195), filed November 18, 2019.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 21st day of February, 2020, in Newark, New Jersey.

/s/ Joseph DePalma

Joseph J. DePalma

Exhibit A



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE
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NEW YORK, NY 10281-1022

NANCY A. BROWN
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January 21, 2020

Via ECF and UPS Overnight


Hon. Edgardo Ramos
United States District Judge
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: SEC v. Honig, et al.;
No. 18 Civ. 8175 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") respectfully writes to advise the Court that the staff has reached agreements in principle to settle this action with Defendants Michael Brauser, John O'Rourke and John Stetson, and their affiliated entities, Defendants Grander Holdings, Inc., ATG Capital LLC, and Stetson Capital Investments Inc. Because the settlement terms will need to be reviewed and approved by the full Commission, we expect to be able to submit Final Judgments on Consent as to each of these parties within six to eight weeks. With respect to Defendant HS Contrarian Investments, LLC, we expect to be able to submit a partial Judgment on Consent within the same time frame. Should there be any delay, we will alert the Court promptly.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Brown

cc: All Defendants via ECF

Exhibit B

To: Jeff Machnij[jeff@bmasecurities.com]
From: Ben Brauser
Sent: Thur 7/3/2014 9:29:14 AM
Importance: Normal
Subject: FW: MSLP - Share Purchase
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Jeff,

Please see below. The following entities are buying the following amount of shares of MSLP from COCP:

Michael Brauser - 77K

Grander 401K - 30K

Dan Brauser - 8K

Ben Brauser - 5K

The shares were bought under SPA's at \$9 per share. There is a blanket opinion at the TA as all of the shares tack back, but there is a lockup/leakout agreement that I will go over w/ you in detail. I will also get you all of the backup. For now though, to get the certs issued, they need the below from you guys. Can you please put this together for the four above entities?

Thank you,

Ben Brauser, Esq.

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From: Dylan Weeks [mailto:DWeeks@nasonyeager.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 5:58 PM

To: 'John Stetson'; erichardson@richardsonpatel.com; tagjohn@gmail.com; Ben Brauser; Mike Brauser; dan@usell.com; shaye@briocapital.com; bcolman@colman-partners.com; Emily Fiel; Darren Goodrich; brhonig@aol.com; John Lemak (john@lemak.net); mgman@bullhunterllc.com; bk@pinnaclefund.com; richard@pointcapitalinc.com; ssmith@smithstag.com

Cc: Michael Harris; Brian Bernstein

Subject: MSLP - Share Purchase

The transfer agency for Musclepharm Corp has requested brokers representation letters for each transferee which contain the following language:

If at any time the issuer becomes non-current in their SEC filings, we will send any unsold shares back to the transfer agent to have the legend re-instated.

Please send the requested representation letters to me so that I may forward them to the transfer agent. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Best Regards,

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July 2, 2014

Corporate Stock Transfer
3200 Cherry Creek Drive South
Suite 430
Denver, Colorado 80209
Attention: Ms. Carolyn Bell

Re: MusclePharm Corporation / Stock Transfer

Dear Ms. Bell:

We have been requested to render our opinion regarding the removal of the restrictive legend from 600,000 shares of common stock (the "Shares") of MusclePharm Corporation ("MP") without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") in reliance upon the exemption contained in Rule 144 promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The Shares are held by the parties set forth on Exhibit A (the "Holders"). To the extent that this opinion is predicated upon facts, it is solely based upon our review of the documents and upon the communications referred to in this opinion.

In rendering this opinion, this firm has discussed the matters covered by this opinion with management of Cocrystal Pharma, Inc. ("Cocrystal"), reviewed representation letters submitted by Cocrystal's management and the Holders, reviewed Cocrystal's and MP's SEC filings, and conducted such other inquiries as we deemed appropriate.

As we understand the facts, on January 2, 2014, MP issued 1,200,000 shares to Cocrystal in connection with the sale of substantially all of the operating assets of Cocrystal making full payment therefor. Since January 2, 2014, Cocrystal has never owned any other shares of MP. According to MP's transfer agent: (i) MP had 11,800,722 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 24, 2014 and (ii) MP had 12,183,722 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 24, 2014 (the "Purchase Date"). Therefore, Cocrystal beneficially owned 10.2% and 9.8% of MP's common stock as of three months prior to the Purchase Date and the Purchase Date, respectively.

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On the Purchase Date, the Holders acquired the Shares from Cocrysal, which was issued the Shares in a transaction not involving a public offering more than six months ago. The Shares are a "restricted security" as that term is defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the Act.

Rule 144(d)(1)(i) under the Act provides for the holding period of securities acquired from a non-affiliate to be tacked to the non-affiliate's holding period. As described below and as represented in a representation letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Cocrysal as of the Purchase Date and for the three months prior, it was not an affiliate of MP. Additionally, according to a representation letter signed by the Holders, the Holders are not affiliates and have not been affiliates of MP for more than the past three months.

Rule 144 (a)(1) defines an affiliate of an issuer to be "a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such issuer." Although Regulation C promulgated under the Act applies to registered offerings under such Act and not by its terms to exempt offerings, nonetheless reference to Regulation C is illuminating. Rule 405 contained in Regulation C defines an "affiliate" in a similar manner as Rule 144(a). However, it makes no reference to specific ownership or percentage of ownership. Conversely, it defines the term "promoter" to include any person who in connection with the organization of an issuer acquires 10% or more of any class of securities of the issuer except under certain circumstances.

Ultimately the issue of whether or not Cocrysal was an affiliate of MP is an issue of fact based upon whether or not it controlled or had the power to control MP. Although Cocrysal owned more than 10% of MP's common stock during the three months prior to the Purchase Date, certain facts indicate they have not been an "affiliate" of MP within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(1) for more than three months prior to the Purchase Date.

As early as 1972, the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC held the position that "a person's status as an officer, director, or owner of 10% of the voting securities of a company is not necessarily determinative of whether such person is a control person or member of a controlling group of persons." American-Standard, [72-'73 Decisions] CCH Fed.Sec.L.Rep. paragraph 79,071 (Avail. Oct. 11, 1972). As the American-Standard interpretive letter recognizes, a person's position of control is a factual issue.

In reaching this conclusion, the staff relied upon the definition of control in Rule 405 referred to above. Interestingly, in defining the term promoter, the SEC specifically referred to ownership of 10% or more of a class of equity securities of an issuer; in defining the term "affiliate" in Rule 144(a), the SEC makes no mention of this 10% requirement although its action in defining "promoter" in Rule 405 shows that it knew how to draft a rule in that fashion. This conscious reference gives support to the Division of Corporation Finance's 1972 interpretation that a 10% ownership status does not necessarily indicate control.

Quoting what he terms a "classic study," one authority (who later served as a Commissioner of the SEC) recognized that control stems from the power to select the board of directors or a majority of the board. Cocrysal has advised us that none of its affiliates are or have served as members of the Board of Directors of MP, nor did it have the power to elect directors of

MP. See Sommer, Who's "in Control?"- S.E.C. 21 Bus. Law 559, 562-70 (1966). Another SEC Commissioner once suggested that a very practical criterion for determining whether the person or group was in control was if the individual or group has the power to cause a registration statement under the Act to be signed. Sommer, supra at 566. Prior to the sale of the Shares to the parties listed on Exhibit A, we, on behalf of Cocystal, requested that MP register Cocystal's shares of MP common stock at Cocystal's expense. MP denied this request.

These legal authorities together with the facts set forth above lead us to conclude that Cocystal was not an affiliate of MP as of the Purchase Date since it did not possess the power to control MP. Each of the parties listed on Exhibit A has also executed representation letters that such parties are not affiliates and were not affiliates within the three months prior to the Purchase Date.

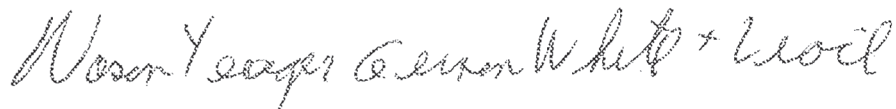
Additionally, Rule 144(b)(1)(i) requires that the issuer has been subject to the reporting provisions of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for at least 90 days prior to the sale (a "Reporting Issuer"). MP was subject to such provisions for more than 90 days prior to the date of this opinion.

For Reporting Issuers, another condition is found in Rule 144(c) which requires that adequate current information about the issuer be available. Rule 144(c)(1) specifies that this test is met if the Reporting Issuer has filed all required reports under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the 12 months prior to the sale, except Form 8-K. MP has filed all required reports necessary under the Rule. Additionally, Rule 144(c)(ii) requires XBRL information to have been posted on MP's corporate website during the prior 12 months. MP's corporate website contains the required XBRL information.

Based upon the foregoing, and assuming that the factual statements set forth herein are true and correct, it is our opinion that, subject to the Securities Purchase Agreements between MP and the Holders, the Shares may be sold until 5:30 p.m. New York Time on August 14, 2014, and that the restrictive legend may be removed from such sold shares by reason of Rule 144 under the Act.





This opinion speaks of its date and we are not responsible for updating it. Our opinion, inasmuch as it is addressed to you, is not to be quoted in whole or in part or otherwise referred to nor is it to be filed with any governmental agency or other person without the prior written consent of this law firm. Other than you, MP, Cocystal, the parties on Exhibit A and their broker-dealers, and your counsel, no one else is entitled to rely on this opinion.

Very truly yours,



NASON, YEAGER, GERSON, WHITE & LIOCE P.A.

Exhibit A

Holder	No. Of Shares (1)
	
Melechdavid, Inc.	
Barry and Renee Honig Charitable Foundation, Inc.	20,000
Stetson Capital Investments, Inc.	15,000
	
Michael Brauser	77,000
Grander Holdings, Inc. 401K Profit Sharing Plan	30,000
Ben Brauser	5,000
Dan Brauser	8,000
	

ATG Capital LLC

5,000



Total

600,000

(1) Under the Stock Purchase Agreements executed by MP and the Holders, each of the Holders is limited to selling 12.5% of the Shares in a calendar month (with the first month beginning the date of this opinion and ending July 31, 2014). Beginning March 2, 2015, there is no limit to the amount of shares permitted to be sold (assuming Holder is not an affiliate at the time of, or the three months prior to, sale). Additionally, sales at or above \$14.50 will not be included in the maximum amount allowed to be sold in any calendar month

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Exhibit D

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A Pennsylvania Limited Liability Partnership
RANDALL B. SUNBERG
Partner-in-Charge

October 2, 2013

Via Email (opinions@amstock.com)
American Stock Transfer & Trust Company
6201 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Re: Senesco Technologies, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Senesco Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance by the Company of an aggregate of 69,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), to be issued pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated September 30, 2013 (the "Purchase Agreement"), by and among the Company and the investors named on Exhibit A attached hereto (collectively, the "Holders") pursuant to which the Company is issuing to the Holders the Shares, and, in such capacity, have been requested by the Company to furnish you with this opinion with respect to the Shares.

As a basis for this opinion, we have examined and are familiar with and have relied upon the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and its Amended and Restated By-Laws, records of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Company as provided to us by the Company, corporate proceedings of the Company in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Shares, the Purchase Agreement, the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-189998) filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") (the "Registration Statement"), the effectiveness order posted by the Commission on its Electronic Data Gathering and Retrieval System indicating that as of 4:00 P.M., Washington, D.C. time, on September 30, 2013 the Registration Statement had been declared effective and such other documents as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have made no independent investigation, and we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the completeness of all corporate and stock records provided to us, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents and the legal competence of all signatories to such documents.

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company
October 2, 2013
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We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the state laws of the State of New Jersey, the Delaware General Corporation Law statute and the federal laws of the United States of America. To the extent that any other laws are applicable to the matters as to which we are opining herein, we have assumed with your permission and without independent investigation that such laws are identical to the state laws of the State of New Jersey, and we express no opinion as to whether such assumption is reasonable or correct. We express no opinion with respect to the compliance or noncompliance with the "blue sky" laws of any state, or with the antifraud provisions of state and federal laws, rules and regulations concerning the issuance of securities.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that as of the date of this opinion the Shares are registered for sale under the Securities Act under the effective Registration Statement and may be issued without a restrictive legend.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

This opinion is based upon currently existing statutes, rules, regulations and judicial decisions and is rendered as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any obligation to advise you of any change in any of the foregoing sources of law or subsequent developments in law or changes in facts or circumstances which might affect any matters or opinions set forth herein.

Please note that we are opining only as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters. This opinion is being delivered to you solely in connection with your service as the Transfer Agent and Registrar of the Common Stock, and may not be relied upon by any other party or used for any other purpose without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,

Morgan, Lewis & Boeckh LP

EXHIBIT A

List of Holders and Number of Shares Purchased

Holder	Number of Shares
Barry Honig	30,000,000
Michael Brauser	16,000,000
Daniel Brauser	1,000,000
Ben Brauser	1,000,000
Joshua Brauser	1,000,000
Melechdavid Inc. Retirement Plan	
Erica Groussman C/F Alicia Groussman UTMA/FL	

Exhibit E

From: John Stetson [stetson.john@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/20/2011 12:58:59 PM
To: Tanya [tanya@tarmacmanagement.com]
Subject: Subscriber List
Attachments: Subscriber List.xlsx

Hi Tanya,

Here is the subscriber list. I have checked off the docs from which I forwarded and wires that you received based on what you told me. Please update with anything missing.

As of yesterday, here were the currency rates we were given:

50,356 - 50,000 CAD
75,521 - 75,000
100,681 - 100,000
201,329 - 200,000
301,993 - 300,000

Thanks,

John

Passport Potash, Inc.

Entity Name	Subscription \$	Doc's Rec'd?	Wire Rec'd?
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Frost Gamma Investments Trust	\$ [REDACTED]	Yes	Yes
GRQ Consultants, Inc. 401K	\$ 300,000	Yes	
Barry Honig	\$ 200,000	Yes	Yes

Michael Brauser	\$ 711,079	Yes	Yes	*Michael Brauser wire
Josh Brauser	\$ 10,000	Yes	Yes	Wire included in Micha
Ben Brauser	\$ 10,000	Yes	Yes	Wire included in Micha
Dan Brauser	\$ 10,000	Yes	Yes	Wire included in Micha

Brauser Family Trust	\$ 70,296	Yes	Yes
Grander Holdings	\$ 22,000	Yes	Yes

\$ 5,513,375

d for Michael, Josh, Ben, Dan, [REDACTED] + a portion of Grandor 401K

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Exhibit F

From: John Stetson [stetson.john@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/27/2012 10:05:16 AM
To: BRHonig@aol.com [brhonig@aol.com]
Subject: lzea
Attachments: Breakdown(1).xlsx

IZEA Share Breakdown

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Post Split Shares</u>
Mike Brauser	3,250,000
Melechdavid (Mark Groussman)	
Barry Honig	1,940,023
HS Contrarian Investments LLC (John Stetson)	1,400,000

Ben Brauser	250,001
John Stetson	225,000
Frost Gamma Investments Trust	

Josh Brauser	84,444
Dan Brauser	84,444

TOTAL	12,500,000
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Exhibit G



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November 7, 2013

Securities Transfer Corporation
2591 Dallas Parkway, Suite #102
Frisco, Texas 75034

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are requesting that you issue an aggregate of 37,500,000 shares of common stock (the "Shares") of Fuse Science, Inc. (the "Company") to the following persons (the "Holders"):

Name	Address/ Tax ID	Number of Shares
GRQ Consultants, Inc. 401(K)	555 S. Federal Highway #450 Boca Raton, FL 33432 [REDACTED]	20,250,000
Grander Holdings, Inc. 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan	4400 Biscayne Blvd. #850 Miami, FL 33117 [REDACTED]	5,500,000
Daniel Brauser	[REDACTED]	125,000
Benjamin Brauser	[REDACTED]	125,000
Greg Brauser	[REDACTED]	125,000
Joshua Bauser	[REDACTED]	125,000
Melechdavid, Inc. Retirement Plan	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Stetson Capital Investments, Inc.	[REDACTED]	2,250,000

John O'Rourke		
		2,250,000
		1,000,000

The Shares are being issued in an exchange offer exempt from registration pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In accordance with the enclosed opinion of counsel, the certificates evidencing the Shares may be issued to the Holder free of legends or other restriction.

Upon issuance, the Shares should be delivered by DWAC pursuant to instructions to be furnished to you by the respective Holders.

Sincerely,



Brian Tuffin
Chief Executive Officer

Holders	Issue Date	Common Stock	Agreement	Board/Committee Consent	Conversion/Exercise Notice	TA Instruction
Series D conversion #1 - HS Contrarian	6-Apr-15	300,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D conversion #2 - HS Contrarian	9-Apr-15	400,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D conversion #1 - Grander Holdings 401(k)	9-Apr-15	450,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Cashless exercise of wts	13-Apr-15	914,292	N/A	??	??	??
Cashless exercise wts	14-Apr-15	305,488	N/A	??	??	??
Series D conversions - ATG	17-Apr-15	47,200	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D conversion #2 - Grander Holdings 401(k) - April 30, 2015	30-Apr-15	300,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D conversions - Ben Brauser - May 7, 2015	7-May-15	22,900	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D Conversions Daniel Brauser - May 7, 2015	7-May-15	234,200	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D Conversion #3 HS Contrarian - May 7, 2015	7-May-15	300,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Series D Conversion #1 GRQ consultants - May 14, 2015	14-May-15	226,200	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes

Series D conversion #3 - Grander Holdings 401(k) - May 19, 2015	19-May-15	150,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Ben Brauser (from GRQ)	5-Jun-15	169,400	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Daniel Brauser (from GRQ & HS Cont.)	5-Jun-15	84,700	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes

ATG Capital (John O'Rourke)	15-Jun-15	373,600	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Grander Holdings Inc. 401(k)	19-Jun-15	214,700	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
HS Contrarian	19-Jun-15	400,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
MelechDavid	23-Jun-15		N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Grander Holdings Inc. 401(k)	7-Jul-15	165,600	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
HS Contrarian	16-Jul-15	500,000	N/A	Board Minutes 3.25.15	Yes	Yes
Total as of August 3, 2015		25,891,072				

Exhibit H

JB77SEC1

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 -----x
4 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.

18 Civ. 8175 (ER)

7 BARRY C. HONIG, et al.,

8 Defendants.
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New York, N.Y.
November 7, 2019
4:45 p.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. EDGARDO RAMOS

12 District Judge

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1 you have an individual or two that's identified as an
2 appropriate person to give testimony on that particular topic.

3 Look, I think at the end of the day even if we could
4 formulate -- and again I don't want to carry your water -- but
5 even if you were to formulate some sort of very limited search
6 or limited in terms of dates, limited in terms of individuals,
7 limited in terms of maybe even something less than 96
8 individuals, that at the end of the day that you're going to
9 get anything worthwhile, and therefore I find that that
10 request, given the nature of the case, is too broad, too
11 burdensome.

12 MR. LEE: The last category -- before we get to
13 302s -- that we're seeking are additional searches of
14 communications with third parties by SEC officials about the
15 application or interpretation of Section 13. This is again a
16 topic that we discussed a couple of days ago. We made a
17 proposal. We have not heard back from the SEC on their
18 response to our proposal as a way to narrow that search. So
19 even after we filed our motion we continue to engage in a meet
20 and confer, but the SEC has not responded.

21 THE COURT: OK. Well, respond at some point. OK.
22 What else?

23 MR. JOHNSTONE: I can speak to the 302 issue
24 concisely. As you heard from Mr. Lee, the SEC's case revolves
25 about Barry Honig, who the SEC says orchestrated a fraud

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1 against three public companies. As such, Mr. Honig is the
2 SEC's central witness in this case. What is interesting is
3 that he is taking the Fifth, and thus we have no access to his
4 testimony about what happened.

5 So the parties on this issue have gone through great
6 lengths to narrow the issues, and it's not a lot of distance
7 between the two of us. We agree with the SEC -- as they said
8 in their letter brief -- that an in camera review of its notes
9 of Mr. Honig's 302s would be an appropriate step forward. The
10 only question is where should the Court draw the line between
11 the portions of those notes that should be produced to us and
12 those that can be withheld.

13 Our request here is very narrow, that the SEC produce
14 notes of what Mr. Honig said to the government. And we have no
15 interest in their attorney impressions or anything, ideas about
16 what he said.

17 So, in drawing the line it's helpful to kind of step
18 back and understand why the SEC has notes of Mr. Honig's 302s
19 but doesn't have the 302s themselves. The answer is that the
20 SEC has gone through great lengths here to keep Mr. Honig's
21 statements out of this case. They requested review of the
22 302s. They sat down, they reviewed them, they wrote their own
23 notes about them. They gave the 302s back to the Department of
24 Justice and then now are withholding those notes from us.

25 But Mr. Honig's statements about what happened in this

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1 case should be produced. We're not seeking any attorney
2 impressions, but we have a substantial need for what he said
3 about what happened, and we have exhausted all other options --
4 which is an important point. The SEC did not take any
5 testimony of Mr. --

6 THE COURT: What have you done?

7 MR. JOHNSTONE: First I'll say that the SEC did not
8 take investigative testimony of Mr. Honig in this case, so we
9 don't have his statements from that. Second, we served a
10 subpoena on the Department of Justice, with whom we have met
11 and conferred, and they have refused to produce the Honig 302
12 to us. So we have taken that big step, served the subpoena,
13 meet and conferred with federal prosecutors, and they will not
14 give it to us.

15 THE COURT: Are there multiple 302s?

16 MR. JOHNSTONE: There is one 302 listed in the
17 privilege log. I would not be surprised if there are more.

18 THE COURT: OK. What else?

19 MR. JOHNSTONE: Third, we have attempted to depose him
20 in this case, and we have heard from his attorney that he
21 intends to assert his Fifth Amendment rights. So, there is no
22 other option for us to go to get his statements about what
23 happened in the case. All we are asking for is what the SEC
24 wrote down about what he said, that's it.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Brown?

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1 MS. BROWN: Yes, your Honor. Mr. Honig hasn't been
2 deposed yet, so it's news to me that he plans to assert the
3 Fifth. I did not know that. And I'm not sure any of us know
4 that until he sits in the chair or he provides the declaration.
5 That's not to say we shouldn't discuss this issue now.

6 THE COURT: Remind me, is he under criminal
7 investigation? Has he been indicted? Has he been convicted?

8 MS. BROWN: I've seen no public record of his criminal
9 status, but he has become a cooperator.

10 THE COURT: So he is cooperating.

11 MS. BROWN: Yes.

12 THE COURT: And you tell me if you -- you know more
13 about this than I do. In such circumstances if the civil
14 related matter is not otherwise stayed, do cooperators testify
15 and give testimony, or do they ask that that deposition be
16 stayed for some period?

17 MS. BROWN: I think it can vary with the
18 circumstances. It depends what the status of their cooperation
19 is. It depends upon the status of their criminal proceeding.
20 So, if they are sentenced already, they can testify.

21 So -- and I don't have any idea what he is doing to
22 cooperate, so I don't have much information to share with you.
23 All I know is he has not yet been deposed.

24 MR. JOHNSTONE: Your Honor, Mr. Honig's attorneys have
25 represented to us that if he is deposed he will assert his

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1 Fifth Amendment rights, so we know that.

2 THE COURT: OK. And I take it -- again this is more
3 out of curiosity -- that would not be a violation of his
4 cooperation agreement.

5 MS. BROWN: I don't know, your Honor. I will say so
6 that the Court is clear and so the record is clear, that our
7 notes of 302s -- which themselves as the Court knows are not
8 verbatim notes of what people say -- are highly selective
9 material. We go in and we review the 302s, as Mr. Johnstone
10 just explained, but we don't write down everything that appears
11 in the 302, we write down what is of interest to us.

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Exhibit I

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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ROBERT LADD, ELLIOT MAZA, BRIAN KELLER,	:	
JOHN H. FORD, ATG CAPITAL LLC, GRQ	:	
CONSULTANTS, INC., HS CONTRARIAN	:	
INVESTMENTS, LLC, GRANDER HOLDINGS, INC.,	:	
and STETSON CAPITAL INVESTMENTS INC.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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STIPULATION AND ORDER

WHEREAS the Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has agreed to provide Defendants Ladd and Brauser with a copy of its notes of the notes taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at an April 23, 2019 interview of a witness (the “Notes”), provided that Defendants agree to certain conditions;

WHEREAS Defendants Ladd and Brauser have agreed to those conditions;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among counsel for Defendants Ladd and Brauser (collectively, “Defendants”) and the Commission, that

1. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of the Stipulation and Confidentiality Order, entered June 5, 2019 (DE 134) (the “Confidentiality Order”), the Commission may designate the Notes as “Confidential” and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed “Confidential Discovery Materials” for all purposes under the Confidentiality Order.

2. Notwithstanding any other paragraph of the Confidentiality Order, should any party to this Stipulation wish to share a copy of the Notes with any other person or party, he or it must first obtain that person's or parties' agreement to abide by the terms of this Stipulation, in addition to the Confidentiality Order, in the form appended hereto as Exhibit A.

3. By disclosing the Notes to Defendants, the Commission has not waived, does not intend to waive, and shall not be deemed to have waived, any of the privileges or protections it has asserted with respect to the Notes or any like material.

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November 14, 2019

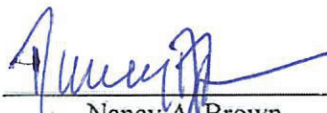
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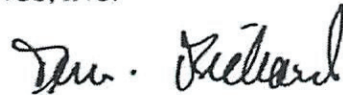
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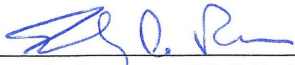
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Edgardo Ramos, U.S.D.J

Dated: Nov. 18, 2019

New York, New York

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY STIPULATION AND ORDER

I have read the Stipulation and Order, entered November __, 2019. I understand its terms and agree to be bound by them, and hereby submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for purposes of the enforcement of the Stipulation and Order. I further understand that failure to abide by the terms of the Stipulation and Order may result in legal action and sanctions.

Dated: _____

Agreed: _____